

## REMARKS

The Office Action dated February 22, 2008 has been received and carefully noted.

The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

The Office Action of February 22, 2008 presented a restriction requirement, requiring election between one of the following four groups:

Group I, recited in claims 1, 3, 4, 6, and 7, drawn to a method for crossing flowering plants based on their pigment genotypes, comprising new flower color utilizing new genotype  $H^xH^x \cdot Pg/pg \cdot Cy/cy \cdot DP/dp$ ;

Group II, recited in claims 2, 5, and 7, drawn to a method for crossing flowering plants based on their pigment genotypes which creates new flower color utilizing genotype  $D/d \cdot E/e \cdot H^xH^x \cdot Pg/pg \cdot Cy/cy \cdot DP/dp$ ;

Group III, recited in claims 8 and 9, drawn to a quick reference cap guide which determine the combination of crossing plants based on flower pigment genotype for creating a flower color; and

Group IV, recited in claims 10 and 11, drawn to use of the quick reference cap guide of multiple allele.

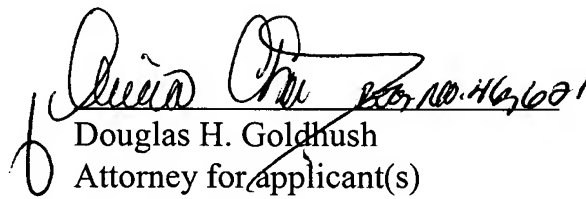
Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, recited in claims 1, 3, 4, 6, and 7, drawn to a method for crossing flowering plants based on their pigment genotypes, comprising new flower color utilizing new genotype  $H^xH^x \cdot Pg/pg \cdot Cy/cy \cdot DP/dp$ .

Applicants therefore respectfully request timely consideration on the merits.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claims at any point prior to the termination of the proceedings in the subject application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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